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Patent Nos.: 7,154,214 and 7,159,214

Re: Request for Refund of  
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Under 37 C.F.R. §1.377

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OFFICE OF PETITIONS

**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.377 – REQUEST FOR REFUND OF  
MAINTENANCE FEE**

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Office of Petitions  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to request a refund of the maintenance fee paid on U.S. Patent No. 7,154,214 under 37 C.F.R. §1.377.

On June 21, 2010, our office attempted to pay the maintenance fee for U.S. Patent No. 7,159,214. However, due to clerical error, the maintenance fee for U.S. Patent No. 7,154,214 was paid instead. Our office faxed the Office of Finance the same day, asking for a refund. The Maintenance Fee Branch acknowledged our request in a letter dated June 25, 2010, but informed us via a letter dated June 30, 2010 that we would have to address our request to the Office of Petitions instead.

Enclosed as **Exhibit A** is a copy of our original fax request along with the fax confirmation. Enclosed as **Exhibit B** is a copy of both letters from the Office of Finance.

As the maintenance fee for U.S. Patent No. 7,159,214 was subsequently paid, I respectfully request a refund of the payment of \$980 to our **Deposit Account No. 50-3001**, or alternatively, to the credit card account which was charged at the time the payment was made, rather than for the payment to be transferred from U.S. Patent No. 7,154,214 to U.S. Patent No. 7,159,214.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.377 and 37. C.F.R. §1.17 (g), the petition fee of \$200 is enclosed. However the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-3001 should it be determined that any additional fee is required:

Please address any questions or comments to the undersigned

Dated: 7/8/2010

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (Fax No.: (571) 273-8700) on July 8, 2010.

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Stephanie Turley

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